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**7-5-2301. Competitive, advertised bidding required for certain large purchases or construction contracts.** (1) Except as provided in [7-5-2304](#) and Title 18, chapter 2, part 5, a contract for the purchase of any vehicle, road machinery or other machinery, apparatus, appliances, equipment, or materials or supplies or for construction, repair, or maintenance in excess of \$50,000 may not be entered into by a county governing body without first publishing a notice calling for bids.

(2) The notice must be published as provided in [7-1-2121](#).

(3) Subject to [7-5-2309](#) and except as provided in Title 18, chapter 2, part 5, every contract subject to bidding must be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

**History:** En. Sec. 1, Ch. 8, L. 1933; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 87, L. 1935; re-en. Sec. 4605.1, R.C.M. 1935; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 42, L. 1941; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 128, L. 1951; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 25, L. 1963; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 331, L. 1969; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 127, L. 1973; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 55, L. 1975; R.C.M. 1947, 16-1803(part); amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 134, L. 1981; amd. Sec. 6, Ch. 349, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 98, L. 1991; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 203, L. 1997; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 239, L. 1999; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 252, L. 1999; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 523, L. 2003; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 574, L. 2005.

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